

**Attorney Docket No. S-2498/DIV  
PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
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 KASUGA; SHIRAIISHI ) Examiner: Unknown  
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 Serial No. Divisional of )  
 parent appln. S.N. 10/100,991 )  
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 Filed: Concurrently herewith )

For: CATALYST FOR PREPARATION OF UNSATURATED ALDEHYDE  
AND UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC ACID

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Rule 53(b) divisional application, which claims priority from parent co-pending application Serial No. 10/100,991. No Office Action or response required by Applicants is outstanding in the parent application. Therefore, the captioned new divisional application is timely filed.

Prior to examination, please amend the specification and claims as follows: